



**REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS**  
***Ministry of Financial Services and Good Governance***  
***Office of the Minister***

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**Mr. Will Fitzgibbon**  
**Reporter**  
**International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ)**  
**1710 Rhode Island Avenue**  
**Level 11**  
**Washington DC 20036 USA**

Dear Mr. Fitzgibbon,

I refer to your letter dated 10 July 2019.

2. I take this opportunity to draw your attention to major policy (as well as legislative) changes brought by Mauritius during the past years which might have escaped your attention and hence may explain that the questions raised in your letter may seem to be prompted by the fact that you may have in your possession information which are by now outdated.
3. There are several reports produced by independent organizations such as, by the World Bank Group, the International Monetary Fund as well as the OECD and the FATF(ESAAMLG) which are all unanimous to recognize that Mauritius is a cooperative and clean jurisdiction that has made significant progress in adhering to international standards set by the norm setting organizations to improve its AML/CFT framework and overall business relationships in a more and more internationally regulated eco-system.
4. We understand that the response provided to your queries shall be published in its entirety, as is and any edits or amendments shall not be made without our consent as it is likely to distort the true picture. Furthermore, the report should provide a balanced view and we would expect to have a fair treatment in terms of content.
5. We reserve our rights to publish this letter.

Yours Sincerely,

**Dharmendar Sesungkur**  
**Minister of Financial Services and Good Governance**